



Ocotillo

Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District



Councilmember Norma Alvarez

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Dear Ocotillo Resident,

If you need assistance in any city related matter, please feel free to contact me via e-mail or at any of the numbers listed below. If you can not reach me, please call my assistant, Martina Longoria. My contact information is always included at the bottom of this newsletter.

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51st and Northern Avenue Intersection Improvements. Work at this intersection is continuing on the south side of Northern to reconstruct the curb, gutters and sidewalks. On the north side of Northern, the curb, gutter and sidewalks have recently been removed to prepare for reconstruction. After the outside curb work is complete the contractor will begin work on the median island installation. The intersection has reduced access but all businesses in the area are accessible. For more information, call 1-877-203-0042.

New Funding Available to Help Combat Homelessness. Glendale families who are homeless or in danger of losing a safe place to live may find there's help available thanks to an additional \$316,132 of funds recently awarded to the city of Glendale.

The federal funds, which are part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will be used to serve two groups:

- those who are at risk of becoming homeless and need temporary rent or utility assistance to be able to maintain housing, and
- those who are homeless, residing in emergency or transitional shelters and need temporary assistance to obtain permanent housing.

To help these groups, the funding can be used for short-term or medium-term rental assistance, or items such as security and/or utility deposits.

The \$316,132 of funding was awarded to the city based on the success of the program and its impact on the community. Previously, city staff oversaw the use of more than \$914,122 and was acknowledged for efficiently using the money to help people in Glendale affected by the recession.

To learn more about the new funding and who qualifies for assistance, check online at www.glendaleaz.com/cap or call the city's Community Action Program (CAP) at 623 930-2854.

Glendale Family Health & Awareness Fair - TOMORROW! Join us for this free family event on Saturday, April 2 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Glendale Family Health Center, 5141 W. Lamar Road. Presented by the city of Glendale and the Maricopa Integrated Health System, this event will offer medical screenings, children's activities, community resource information and more. [Click here](#) for an event flyer.

Free Personal Finance Classes — Open to All Glendale Residents. Getting control of your personal finances is the focus of a new series of free classes offered by the city of Glendale in partnership with the Thunderbird School of Global Management.

Four classes will be held at 10 a.m. on consecutive Saturdays at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street. The classes include:

- April 9: Getting Started – Participants learn how to take control of their money, set goals, and their budget.
- April 16: Assessment of your Situation – Topics include understanding your net worth, cutting debt, and credit.
- April 23: Money Management – This topic includes, understanding how loans work, and the importance of checking and savings accounts.
- April 30: Teaching Value and Protection – The final class covers how to protect you from fraud and identity theft and how to teach children about money.

The classes, taught by a representative of Thunderbird School of Global Management, are presented as a collective effort with Glendale's Parks, Recreation and Library department as part of Glendale University's elective classes. Glendale University (GU) is a series of "101" and "graduate" classes designed to help Glendale residents learn more about municipal government. Like those GU classes, these personal finance classes are free for residents.

Seating is limited to 30 participants per class. Attendance at the full four-part series is encouraged, although registration for individual classes is allowed. Registration deadline for the series is Friday, April 8. To register, call Glendale's Neighborhood Partnership Office at 623-930-2868.

Around Town

28th Annual Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival.

Glendale's 28th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous entertainment lineup in Historic Downtown Glendale April 9-10.

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Walk-in Small Business Counseling. No appointments are necessary for "Walk-In Counseling with SCORE" from 12:15–3:45 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, in the small meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) advises on all areas of business, from start-up information to marketing and accounting concerns. The counseling is free. For more information about SCORE, call 602-745-7250.

Glendale Family Bike Ride. Join us for the Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 10 at Sahuaro Ranch Park. Registration is from 7 to 9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. This is a ride for all levels of riders, from kids to adults. Both the long (15-mile ride) and short (6-mile ride) routes take cyclists on a leisurely ride through Glendale neighborhoods and sections

of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways. This is a free ride with no registration fees. Snacks and water are provided at no cost at two rest stops along the route. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for \$10. [Click here](#) to register online.

Residents' Input Sought on GO Transportation Program. Residents are invited to attend an open house to get an update on transportation projects included in the Glendale Onboard (GO) Transportation Program. The GO Program Open House will be held from 4:30-7 p.m., Wednesday, April 13, at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr.

This opportunity will give residents a chance to speak with Glendale transportation representatives and engineering consultants, learn more about current and upcoming transportation projects, and provide input on the program. Light refreshments will be served.

In 2001, Glendale voters approved Proposition 402, which dedicated a half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements and created the city's GO Transportation Program. To date, GO program efforts have resulted in expanded transit services, and enhanced traffic flow and safety on Glendale streets and at intersections. There has also been further development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the city. Many additional improvements are scheduled for construction during the next several years. These projects will be featured at the open house and in the GO Program Annual Report.

[Click here](#) to view the Annual Report. For more information on Glendale's transportation program, call 623-930-2940.

Shred It & Forget It. Glendale's Community Action Teams are proud to partner with the Target Corporation and Cintas Document Management Company to offer free document shredding to the community to help combat identity theft. Credit card offers, tax returns, medical bills and old bank statements should be shredded rather than simply thrown in the trash. The "Shred It & Forget It" events offered throughout the year is a fast, convenient, drive-thru service where you can bring up to three standard-size file boxes boxes of documents for secure shredding. The next event is Saturday, April 30th at the Target located at 10040 N 43rd Avenue from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until the shred trucks are full. For more information on identity theft and "Shred It & Forget It," call (623) 930-2571. [Read more.](#)

National Take Back Day. The Glendale Police Department is coordinating a one-day collaborative effort with the Drug Enforcement Administration to remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from our nation's homes. The "National Take Back Initiative Day" will be on Saturday, April 30th at **two** Glendale locations! We will be at the Target parking lot at 10404 North 43rd Ave. (Peoria & 43rd) and in the parking lot at Cabela's at 9830 West Glendale Ave. Glendale's collection sites will be available from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. This is the opportunity for residents to safely and conveniently surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications. For more information, [click here](#) or call 623-930-2571.

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